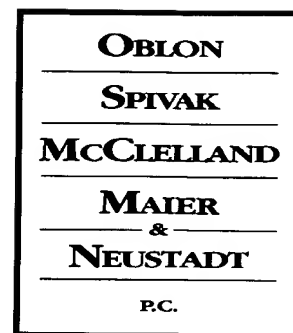


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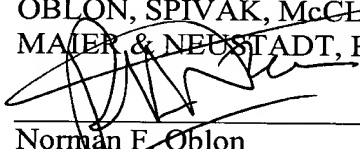
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Response to Election of Species Requirement (3 pgs), International Preliminary Examination Report (6 pgs)

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Responsive to the Official Action dated September 30, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, tacrolimus: Species (ii), as a single disclosed Species. Claims 1, 8, 10 and 11, are believed to read on the elected species.

REMARKS

The Office has required the election of a single disclosed Species in the present application as follows:

- (i): cyclosporin A;
- (ii): tacrolimus; or
- (iii): 33-epi-chloro-33-desoxyascomycin.

Applicants elect, with traverse, tacrolimus: Species (ii), as a single disclosed Species.

Claims 1, 8, 10 and 11, are believed to read on the elected species.